

NEW HARVARD STREET BRIDGE

HAER No. DC-53

Spanning Rock Creek and Beach Drive at the National Zoological Park

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Location: Harvard Street, spanning Rock Creek at the National Zoological Park within Rock Creek Park

Date of Construction: 1965

Type of Structure: Concrete Box Girder with a trapezoidal section

Use: Vehicular/pedestrian bridge

Designer/Engineer: U.S. Bureau of Public Roads and National Park Service

Fabricator/Builder:

Owner: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior

Significance: The New Harvard Street Bridge is one of few bridges of its type in the world; the structure is a concrete box girder with a trapezoidal section, the sides angling in and down. The concrete was poured segmentally and locked together with steel reinforcing and keys.

Project Information: Documentation of New Harvard Street Bridge was conducted during the spring of 1995 under the co-sponsorship of HABS/HAER, the National Park Service Park Roads and Parkway Program and funded through the Federal Lands Highway Program.

NOTE: SEE HAER NO. DC-26, OLD HARVARD STREET BRIDGE, FOR  
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF THE SITE AND DRAWINGS  
RELATED TO THE STRUCTURE